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NOTE AND COMMENT

There is no denying that Socialism is becoming a strong political force, both in this and other countries. A Socialist candidate for mayor received nearly 4000 votes in Toronto the other day where ten years ago he would not have polled 400. In the Old Land, the growth of the Socialist movement has been receiving constant attention in the press and on the platform. The Conservatives are using it as a bogey to frighten electors away from the Liberals, whom they describe as occupying the halfway position. In British Columbia Socialist candidates have been strong factors at the last two provincial elections and in several of the constituencies of our own province the party will make its appearance at the next general elections.

That the propaganda has attractive features no one can deny. It has its origin in a sincere desire to remedy genuine evils from which modern civilization is suffering. But a movement should not recommend itself simply because it is inspired by generous impulses and those who are attracted by the Socialist programme would do well to examine it in the light of sound economic principles. This Prof. Alfred Marshall, the foremost English economist of the day, has done in the new edition of his "Principles of Economics," the standard work on the subject. The Saturday News wishes that it had the space to reproduce all that Prof. Marshall has to say. It is a most timely contribution to a vastly important subject. But we must content ourselves with a few extracts.

It is the fashion to dub the man a pessimist who decries Socialistic theories as impracticable. But Prof. Marshall cannot be thus described.

"In every age," he says, "poets and social reformers have tried to stimulate the people of their own time to a nobler life by enchanting stories of the virtues of the heroes of old. But neither the records of history nor the contemporary observation of backward races, when carefully studied, give any support to the doctrine that man is on the whole harder and harsher than he was, or that he was ever more willing than he is now to sacrifice his own happiness for the benefit of others in cases where custom and law have left him free to choose his own course."

"In a world in which men were perfectly virtuous," he points out, "competition would be out of place; but so also would be private property and every form of private right. Men would think only of their duties; and no one would desire to have a larger share of the comforts and luxuries of life than his neighbor. Strong producers could easily bear a touch of hardship; so they would wish that their weaker neighbors, while producing less, should consume more. Happy in this thought, they would work for the general good with all the energy, the inventiveness, and the eager initiative that belonged to them; and mankind would be victorious in contests with nature at every turn. Such is the Golden Age to which poets and dreamers may look forward. But in the responsible conduct of affairs it is worse than folly to ignore the imperfections which still cling to human nature."

The problems of the distribution of wealth are most important, but not a whit less so than those of the production. It has been shown over and over again that could the wealth of the world be equally divided, the average portion would give but a low standard of comfort. Any changes, therefore, which tend to decrease production are to be guarded against, quite as much as those which make the rich richer and the poor poorer. As men are at present, they will not work for humanity in general anything like as hard as they will for themselves and their families. It is safe under these conditions, therefore, to eliminate individualism?

Prof. Marshall is extremely hopeful as to the improvement that will be brought about by a strong policy

of social reform under the individualistic system. Broadly speaking, he says, "the destruction of the poor is their poverty" and the study of the causes of poverty is the study of the causes of the degradation of a large part of mankind.

"Slavery," he writes, "was regarded by Aristotle as an ordinance of nature, and so probably was it by the slaves themselves in olden time. The dignity of man was proclaimed by the Christian religion; it has been asserted with increasing vehemence during the last hundred years; but it is only through the spread of education during quite recent times that we are beginning at last to feel the full import of the phrase."

"Now at last we are setting ourselves seriously to inquire whether it is necessary that there should be any so-called 'lower classes' at all; that is, whether there need be large numbers of people doomed from their birth to hard work in order to provide for others the requisites of a refined and cultured life, while they themselves are prevented by their poverty from having any share or part in that life."

"The hope that poverty and ignorance may gradually be extinguished derives indeed much support from the steady progress of the working classes during the nineteenth century. The steam engine has relieved them of much exhausting and degrading toil; wages have risen; education has been improved and become more general."

"A great part of the artisans have ceased to belong to the 'lower classes' in the sense in which the term was originally used; and some of them already lead a more refined and noble life than did the majority of the upper classes a century ago."

"The progress has done more than anything else to give practical interest to the question whether it is really impossible that all should start in the world with a fair chance of leading a cultured life, free from the pains of poverty and the stagnating influences of excessive mechanical toil; and this question is being pressed to the front by the growing earnestness of the age."

half century rather than in seeking to turn the world upside down.

The civil service reformer has still a great work to do in this country. A few weeks ago the postmaster of Toronto fell vacant. There was a man available for the position, who had served the department many years in subordinate capacities, Mr. George Ross, an expert in postal affairs. If only the public interests were to be concerned, this was the man to choose for the vacancy. Those who were interested in civil service reform pressed for Mr. Ross's appointment and for a while it looked as if the government would yield. But the news now comes that Mr. W. B. Rogers has been selected.

"Who is Mr. Rogers? Does he know anything about the running of a post office?" some innocent person may ask who is not acquainted with the way in which public business is carried on. It would be a natural question if the postal service were controlled by a private corporation. A transportation company doesn't place in charge at a divisional point a man who knows nothing about the operation of a railway. But Mr. Rogers is not supposed to know anything about post office work. He has been a furniture merchant all his life and the only qualification that he possesses is that he contested South Toronto on two occasions in the Liberal interests.

This case is a long way from Alberta. But we have had others here. An eastern Liberal journal said not long ago that the work of civil service reform was one that belonged naturally to the Liberal party. But the leaders at Ottawa show no disposition to take it up. Mr. Borden is being given a glorious opportunity. If he can convince the electors that he can carry his party with him on his civil service reform plank, it will make a big difference at the next election.

The Edmonton Journal professes admiration for this part of the Conservative leader's platform. But note what it had to say the other

day when the announcement was made that Mr. A. Y. Blain, clerk of the non-jury assize court in Toronto had resigned to accept the post of Inspector of Legal Offices in Alberta. Whose friend is he? asked the Journal. Did he know this minister or that minister in the East. Are there no Alberta Liberals who have given the party service who are deserving of the job? As a matter of fact, Mr. Blain is a man who has had long experience in connection with legal offices in the East? Is it not more in the interests of the people of Alberta to have him take over this work than some one who has rendered service to the party in the provinces? The example which the provincial government gives in such a selection is an admirable one. It is in striking contrast to that of Mr. Rogers for the Toronto postmaster and the Journal shows a narrowly partisan spirit in the carping criticism which it makes.

If it were in earnest about civil service reform, it would applaud the administration's action.

Mr. C. A. Magrath has finally accepted the Conservative nomination for the Commons in Medicine Hat. Mr. Magrath was in Ottawa when he made the announcement, a fact that leads one to suppose that purely local considerations were not all that have influenced his action. He will be a very strong candidate and should make an admirable member, but the circumstances under which he was nominated will not help his chances." Saturday News.

No, it was not "purely local considerations," but it was the severe illness of his wife. This was the reason why Mr. Magrath did not accept the nomination when offered him. The Liberal organs have been most faithful in misrepresenting the reason, and not without a purpose.—Edmonton Journal.

This is the first statement that the Saturday News has read as to any personal reasons that stood in the way of Mr. Magrath's acceptance. There was no mention in the course of the report of the Conservative convention to that to which the Journal refers. The facts before The Saturday News and which it

had in mind when the above paragraph was written were these: The convention nominated Mr. Magrath on Mr. Horron's reading a telegram stating that he would accept. Mr. Magrath returned and denied that he had given any such assurance. Several weeks passed by and no one knew whether he would be in the field or not.

Finally, when in Ottawa, he announced that he would stand. With all due respect to Mr. Magrath, it must be said that these are circumstances which would not strengthen anyone's candidature.

Calgary had a baseball game on New Year's Day. Of course it was organized for advertising purposes not for the pleasure afforded. But the players might just as well have stayed home around their grate fires. Anyone who is attracted to the country by seeing pictures of such an event is bound to be disappointed when he gets here. No part of America has as a rule more agreeable winters than Alberta, but it is not necessary to represent them as similar to those of California to give people a favorable idea of them.

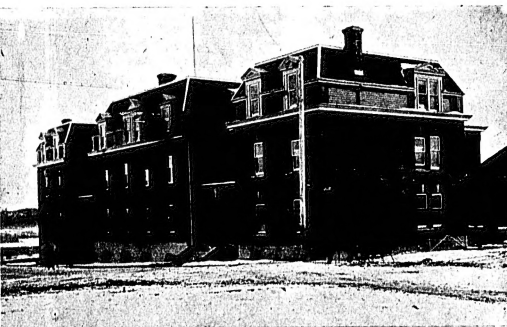
The idea put forth by Secretary Harrison of the Edmonton Board of Trade of forming a Twin Cities' Club for the purpose of advancing the welfare of Edmonton and Strathcona is an excellent one. The Boards of Trade of the two cities would continue along present lines looking after the separate interests of the two municipalities, but the new organization would take up matters that pertain equally to both. Denison very frequently has arisen where the need of such co-operation was felt and the opportunities for usefulness will be greater in the future than in the past. As each city expands, it will become more and more apparent that what affects one will affect the other quite as much. The suggestion of Secretary Harrison should thus pave the way to co-operation on a larger scale.

It has been suggested that it be called a Hundred Thousand Club. The Saturday News hopes that this will not be done. Why should we imitate a thousand and one other

The Opening of the Legislature



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cities throughout the continent? Besides, our ambitions go away beyond one hundred thousand, and a long span of life will not be necessary for any of us to see that ambition realized. A third reason why we object to the term is that it suggests a forced and artificial movement. Our object should not be simply to set a crowd of people in the limits of the two cities but to build up our trade and industry along sound economic lines. Let us do this, taking full advantage of our position and the resources of the country that we stand as a centre for, and population will soon come. "Twin Cities' Club" is quite sufficient.

The Northern has bought out the Crown Bank and will have in addition to its forty seven branches in Western Canada, twenty four in the East. The development is one of no small importance from a national standpoint. For the first time in the country's history, a bank with its head office in the west will have branches in the east. The Northern, which is just in the third year of its existence, has made a remarkable record. It stands high in the confidence of the people of the west and in the development of the country is bound to play a great part.

The character of the municipal programme for the year was clearly indicated by Mayor McDougall at the opening council meeting. The authorities will devote themselves for the most part to carrying out the projects already begun. The street car rails already purchased will be laid but it is not likely that anything more will be done to wards the inauguration of the system. Steps were taken on Monday night to appoint a permanent auditor and the mayor intimated that everything possible would be done to enable the ratepayers to follow intelligently all the details of the city's financial and other affairs. The decision, announced by the mayor, to throw the meetings of the commissioners open to the public, will help materially in this connection.

The communication from second vice President Whyte of the C.P.R. in respect to the high level bridge, the plans for which have at last reached the city, indicates that what was said some weeks ago on this page regarding the aid which the Dominion Government would give was quite correct. It should be carefully noted that the aid from this source is to the C.P.R., in connection with the bridge as a whole, not to the two municipalities as an aid to the traffic deck. This was the only way in which such aid could be granted by the Dominion. According to Mr. Whyte's letter, the bridge with the attachment would cost about \$1,000,000. The attachments would cost about \$270,000, leaving the expenditure on the railway structure \$730,000. The Dominion government would assist to the extent of 15 per cent on the railway structure, which would be \$109,500. The Government of Alberta would give \$100,000. To complete the \$270,000, the municipalities would have to raise \$90,500. Strathcona is understood to be willing to contribute \$25,000, which would leave \$65,500 for Edmonton.

This puts the situation clearly. The only point that some exact information ought to be obtained upon is as to whether \$270,000 is a fair assessment for the traffic deck.

The first conciliation board meeting held in the Edmonton district for the purpose of inquiring into a dispute between miners and operators served to confirm the general impression as to the effectiveness of the Lemicux Act which instituted the procedure. Representatives of the parties to the dispute, Mr. F. L. Otter for the employers and Mr. F. H. Sherman, for the employees, met with a neutral chairman, Mr. G. S. Montgomery and came to an amicable settlement. The miners receive an eight hour day and an (Continued on page 4)

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TENANTS' FRANCHISE

To the Editor of Saturday News.
Dear Sir,—During the municipal
campaign much was heard from the
candidates for mayoralty and alder-
manship as to their attitude to the
granting of the franchise to
tenants. Little, however, was stated
in the way of argument why such
change should be made in our
electoral system. Less was said by
those who were members of the
council during the period when the
tenants' vote was in effect in Edmon-
ton, why the change has been made
in the charter to disfranchise the
tenants. The only statement deal-
ing with the case for and against
the tenants' franchise appeared in
the columns of the Bulletin, under
the heading, "Tenants and Taxes."
The editorial writer therein stated
a case which Aldermen Manson and
McLennan (who have opposed the re-
form) have never answered. As a
matter of fact the only argument
advanced against the tenant's fran-
chise appeared in your last issue in
the form of a cutting from the
Vancouver Province, dealing with
municipal government in England,
and adducing special reasons for its
superiority over municipal govern-
ment on this side of the Atlantic.
The extract declared: "The fran-
chise is limited to those who have an
appreciable financial interest in the
city. If our salaries, for municipal
purposes, were restricted to
actual stockholders, owners of prop-
erty enough to pay an appreciable
tax, our average voter would also
be more intelligent."

If the tenants' franchise discussion
is again to be opened and thrashed
out, it would certainly be wise to
secure argument carrying with it at
least a grain of accuracy and truth.
Any Britisher in the country who
has resided in any of the cities of
the Home Countries knows that the
writer of the Province is utterly ig-
norant of electoral conditions there.
If property be taken to mean
land, then every Englishman, Scot-
sman or Irishman in Canada
knows that the landholder does not
constitute one hundredth of the
municipal electorate of the average
British city. He also knows that
the theory that the voting intelli-
gence of a man is proportionate to
the wealth or land property he
possesses, is one which has no place
in the mind of the average British
community, least of all in the
matter of municipal administration.
Popular, one of the most populous
vestries within the jurisdiction of
the London county council, some
years ago elected as mayor a gentle-
man by the name of Will Crooks
(despite his name he was a straight
one). The history of that mayor
would certainly shock the aristocratic
instincts of our bridge-playing
western society. Crooks had been
raised in a workhouse, was self-edu-
cated, and when the election was at
its height, his opponent being a
wealthy merchant, Lord Tweed
mouth (horror of horrors!) offered
William anything in the way of
conveyances he possessed, auto-
mobiles included. Mr. Crooks is
now the member of Parliament for
Warrwick, having defeated Mr.
Drage, a Conservative nominee who
fought his election with the aid of
Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain.
Glasgow, the most successful
municipality in the world, not only
grants the franchise to tenants,
but to lodgers living and renting
rooms from tenants. Its council
floats debentures without submit-
ting bylaws, so that the vote carries
with it complete spending power to
those elected. The Vancouver
writer should attempt to save suffi-
cient money from his meagre earn-
ings as a space-filler to take a trip
outside British Columbia and get
wise to the growth and broad
of thought outside his own cabined
little sphere.

The Report of the Beef Commission

Viewed in the light of the agitation conducted by
the Alberta Farmers' Association

The report of the Beef Commis-
sion, a summary of which appeared
in the issue before last of The Sat-
urday News is a document of great im-
portance to the farming and ranch-
ing industries of Alberta and if its
recommendations are carried out on
the same comprehensive scale as the
general subject has been dealt with
by the commission it is certain to
put those industries on a much more
prosperous basis than they have
heretofore occupied. That the first
recommendation of the commission
should be that the government assist
in establishing a

PORK PACKING PLANT
and undertake the management of
the same is significant, and a matter
in which every member of the
A.F.A. has reason to take a certain
degree of pride.

Since the formation of the associ-
ation, this is the one idea that it has
kept continually before the public,
and with the exception of Col.
Gregory of Lacombe, its officers and
members were practically the only
persons who persistently advocated
the establishing of such a plant as
the only way to restore in the minds
of the farmers, confidence in the
swine-breeding industry.

The original idea of the association
was that the farmers contribute to
this plant, but when the government
assumed the entire responsibility of
establishing the telephone system
which must for all time be a busi-
ness man's rather than a farmer's
convenience, the officers of the asso-
ciation demanded that the two be
placed on an equal footing. But
since it appears from the report
that there were sufficient number of
farmers who volunteered to contrib-
ute to this end, to make their assis-
tance worthy of consideration and
to determine in a measure the loca-
tion of the plant, we have no criti-
cisms to offer. Our position has been
to let the individual farmers contrib-
ute as they wished but when the
government demanded to know
what the members of the A.F.A.
were prepared to put into it, our
reply has been "just as much as the
business men put into the govern-
ment telephone system and no
more." The important thing is the
establishment of the plant; the loca-
tion of it and the preserving of an
exact equality between the farmers
and business men are matters about
which we are in no wise disposed to
quibble.

THE BEEF CANNING PLANT.
A beef canning plant was also
demanded by the association and we
were at first at a loss to know why
both were not recommended to-
gether, but upon a closer reading,
observed that in the opinion of the
commission, the farmers having
been badly dealt with so often when
they had hogs to market, and being
dissatisfied with the business and
determined to make no ventures in
it so long as the fixing of prices
remained in the hands of the men
now in charge of it, the pork pack-
ing plant was recommended un-
conditionally, while in the beef canning
business no such grievances existed.

No plants of this kind were in
existence, two were in the course of
construction; the commission be-
lieved that the promoters of these
should be given a fair chance to
prove themselves; if they dealt
fairly with producers and consu-
mers, leave them in possession of
the field, if not, then let the govern-
ment take the same action as in the
pork business. We believe the recom-
mendation is not only a just but a
wise one.

FEEDING STATIONS.

Feeding stations as recommended
by the commission we believe should
result in much good to the province.
They will not only prove whether
or not feeding stations in Alberta can
be made a paying business, but their
greatest value will be by enab-
ling the export commissioner to com-
pare the output of these stations
with that of the ranchers, to deter-
mine wherein many ranchmen fail
and to assist them in improving
their methods.

STOCK TRAINS.

The recommendation of fast stock
trains to be run during the shipping
season, and that grievances grow-

ing out of the management of the
same be referred to the railway
commission should, when brought
into effect, remove many of the
grievances of stockmen in the south
and central portions of the province.
These recommendations are so
closely in line with the arguments
which we heard presented by Mr.
Root at the Central Alberta Stock
Growers' Convention in Red Deer a
year ago that we doubt not Mr.
Root's representations before the
commission six months afterwards,
contributed much to this end, and
to have merely contributed to it is
no small credit not only to Mr. Root
but the organization which he was
instrumental in bringing into exist-
ence.

From our point of view, there is
so much to commend and so little
to criticize in the report, that we
do not hesitate to say that a great
stride has already been made toward
the emancipation of the stock pro-
ducing interests. It may not be out
of place to direct attention to the
fact that these results have been
obtained within two years after the
first request was made of the
government to institute an inquiry
into the subject, and it may also not
be out of place to say that it comes
very largely as a result of the
efforts of the Stock Growers' Asso-
ciations of the southern and central
portions of the province and the Al-
berta Farmers' Association, all of
whom, without pre-arrangement,
were conducting a quiet, persistent
and business-like agitation from
which acrimony, bluster and partizan
politics were carefully excluded.

W. F. Stevens, Sec. A.F.A.

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Handan is dead! What a wealth of memories the news recalled to the man who was following Canadian sporting events twenty years ago! No Canadian athlete ever loomed larger or did more to stimulate interest in the branch of sport to which he devoted himself. When word came in the autumn of 1884 that Beach had lowered Handan's colors on the Paramatta river in Australia, it was like a day of national mourning to Canada. He made several efforts after that to recover his lost glory but it soon became evident that his day was over. Jake Gaudar afterwards held the rowing championship of the world for a time but, like sport had then fallen into a decline and comparatively little interest was excited by his victories.

The first test match was won by the Australian cricketers by two wickets, the finish being most exciting, the tail-enders saving the day. The showing made by George Gunn, 119 and 74, is another example of the glorious uncertainties of cricket. Gunn was the last man included in the English team. After the scores in the first matches, English victories in the tests were looked for. The unfortunate illness of the captain, Mr. A. A. Jones, would undoubtedly do much to demoralize the team.

I clip the following from the London Mail: "At their meeting on Monday the committee of the Marlborough Club decided to refer to the Advisory Committee of the Counties Mr. Ate Bailey's suggestion that the South Africans should be invited to come to England in 1909, and that England, Australia, and South Africa should engage in a series of Test Matches. The M.C.C. committee are unable to express an opinion on the project till they see something in the nature of a definite scheme. A meeting of the Advisory Committee will be called, probably towards the end of January."

If Mr. Bailey's scheme should go through, it would be a great misfortune if Canada should be left out. If we could send our best team, and it had fair opportunities of practicing together and rounding into form before playing any matches, I do not believe that we would have any reason to be ashamed of its showing. And even if it only did fairly well, what a good effect it would have! There is nothing like sport to draw countries together and it would be an Imperial misfortune if Canada were left out of an assembly of cricketers of the Empire.

A Winnipeg sporting writer the other day quoted an Edmonton correspondent as writing:

"We have the greatest country on earth for raising thoroughbreds, and only want more encouragement. Water, soil and climate are all that could be desired, while our hilly country gives the best of feet and develops muscle. Our high altitude is so beneficial to the lungs, and our bunch grass excels the famed Kentucky blue grass." In proof he names some good horses that have first seen the light of day in Alberta.

There is May W., a winner of 15 races. All Smoke a winner up to eight years, and the dam of winners, Flameria, another good winner and also a great brood mare, among her offspring being Sir Wilfred, a stake horse, although not owned by a Canadian. To this list might be added Dorla.

"The kind of encouragement that would mightily stimulate the thoroughbred sport in the west would be the giving of King's Plates, as is done in Ontario and Quebec. Not long ago Lord Minto, speaking in England, emphasized the quality of many Canadian

half bred horses, and spoke in the highest terms of His Majesty's gifts of plate. He ventured to express the opinion that if similar gifts were made to the western provinces great good would result. The way to get the plate is to memorialize Earl Grey to use his influence to have His Majesty consider the matter. There can be little doubt that the King, as a keen racing man, would be only too glad to help the sport along in the west. The price His Majesty got of Mr. Scragram for Persistence II was a pleasant reminder of grist brought to the royal mill by means of plates."

No one who has attended race meets in Alberta will fail to share the optimism of this writer. The time is ripe for some move along these lines.

An old score was wiped out this week by the Edmonton Seniors when North Battleford was defeated on its own ice two nights in succession. Both games were evenly contested, the scores standing 35-2 and 7-4. The management is confident that after the showing made, the team could hold its own with the best in the country. All it needs is more games to bring it into the front rank and an extended tour is understood to be quite a probability.

Stettler did not turn up for the game in the amateur league on Wednesday night and Strathcona came over for an exhibition contest. The boys from across the river have re-organized and changed their name from Tigers to Shamrocks. The effect of the introduction of a new order of things was seen on Wednesday when the Wanderers were held down to 3-2. The first league game between the two teams will be played on Friday night at the Thistle rink.

The competition for the Edmonton Broom and Maltin Co.'s cup has been drawing great crowds to the curling rink this last week. The games are being very keenly played and the greatest enthusiasm prevails. There is no doubt about this fine old winter sport having come to its own once more in Edmonton.

COVER POINT.

Note and Comment.

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increase of ten cents an hour in their pay. Ordinarily a strike, with all its attendant hardships, in which the general public fully shares if the trouble is at all widespread, is the only method by which readjustment is brought about.

No wonder that this notable piece of legislation is attracting interest the world over. At the recent annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, President Eliot of Harvard, in discussing the need of greater power for the general government pointed by way of illustration to the Canadian labor and strike act, which he commended as the best piece of industrial and social legislation that the last two decades have brought forth.

With reference to strikes and lock-outs, President Eliot declared himself an advocate not of compulsory arbitration, but of compulsory investigation and publicity, and this is what the Canadian labor act insures. It does not prevent men from finally striking or employers from finally discharging, but it requires both sides to submit to an official inquiry and refrain from disturbing the status quo pending the completion of such inquiry and the publication of the conclusion reached by the impartial governmental board.

Such a system President Eliot would like to see in the United States. There they have a national act providing for investigation and conciliation, but compliance with it is purely optional and it does not go nearly so far as the Canadian statute.

It is interesting to note that in Great Britain, where there is no compulsory or even semi-compulsory arbitration, the ministry of trade and industry has tended more and more to make the prevention of strikes or lockouts its special concern.

Several weeks ago Mr. Lloyd George, the head of the government department, intervened and settled a great dispute in the railroad industry. Since then he has averted one or two general strikes, his latest notable success being the settlement of a long pending dispute in the cotton trade. A compromise was imposed by him, owing to

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his moral authority and prestige, and both sides have since formally thanked him for his part in the negotiations.

The same public sentiment, the same feeling that industrial disorder is incompatible with prosperity and the general welfare, inspires and vitalizes the various legal or extra-legal measures and "interventions" that are increasingly resorted to in the interests of industrial peace.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS.

52. All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, within the purview of "The British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a bridge, the making of a railroad, tramway, turn-pike, road, telegraph or telephone line, the construction or improvement of a harbour, canal, lock, dam, slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade, or of any business, company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals, any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing, which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community, or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act, shall require a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, and where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published, during two months, between the close of the next preceding Session and the time of the consideration of the petition, in four issues of The Alberta Gazette, and of one other newspaper, published in English; and within two weeks from the first appearance of such notice in The Alberta Gazette the applicant shall send to the Clerk of the House, with a receipt from the Provincial Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, if the said Bill does not exceed ten pages, and ten dollars additional for each page over that number, and for the purposes of this Rule 52 words shall be held to constitute a page and also in the case of a bill incorporating a company, a receipt from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for such sum as would be payable by the applicant or applicants for the incorporation of a company with a similar capitalization to the capitalization of the company sought to be incorporated by such bill, shall be placed by the applicant in the hands of the Clerk of the House, whose duty it shall be to get the said Bill printed forthwith. Copies of the newspapers containing the first and last insertion of such notice shall be sent by the parties inserting such notice to the Clerk of the House, to be filed

amongst the records of the Committee on Standing Orders. TABLE OF FEES TO BE PAID TO THE REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES UNDER RULE 52.

(See Cap. 20, 1901.) For a company whose nominal capital does not exceed \$10,000 \$10 For a company whose nominal capital exceeds \$10,000, the above fee of \$10 with the following additional fees regulated according to the amount of nominal capital, that is to say: For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$10,000 up to \$25,000 . . . \$5 For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$25,000 up to \$50,000 . . . \$2 For every \$5,000 of nominal capital or part of \$5,000 after the first \$50,000 \$1.

J. R. COWELL,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE.

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 50 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Thursday, January 30th, 1908.

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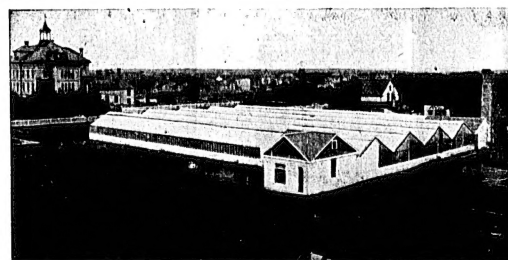
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Music and the Drama

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your column from your Calgary cor-
respondent, without ANY investi-
gation whatever, you allow one of
the most defamatory statements
made by an 'unmuzzled' liar to be
published.

If you exchange with Calgary
newspapers, The Albertan, The Her-
ald, The News, all of Dec. 20th,
1907, UNITE in telling the truth.
I only have the News by me this
evening, but send it to you. Sixty
two Calgary merchants subscribed
for the tickets that filled Sherman's
big auditorium. These merchants
GAVE such tickets away. Your
correspondent probably was present
with one. He or She certainly
NEVER said.

I took absolutely no portion of the
benefit proceeds, being a fairly
well-to-do attorney. I ask only
justice from you in another issue,
and as a gentleman, you will do
nothing else.

For 20 years past I've been a mem-
ber of the Associated Press, and my
"concert work" is entirely a work of
love for humanity. He, She or
rather "It," who wrote the article
in question, dare not come from
behind a "hiding place," viz., as a
correspondent; and I well know I
have no right to ask for informa-
tion, but, sir, by the right of man to
man, I ask you to publish the truth
— this time.

I shall beat above hotel for two or
more months. Respectfully
Addington Lear.

In justice to Mr. Lear, it should
be stated that the clipping from the
Calgary News, which he encloses,
describes the entertainment as a real
treat.

"The Squaw Man" will be pro-
duced in Strathearn on January 17th.

The old favorites, the Summers
Stock Company, have been playing
all week to bumper houses at the
Edmonton Opera House, with a
change of bill each night. As a
farceful comedian, Mr. Summers
has few superiors on the continent.
But it is not only in these roles that
he pleases his audiences. No one
without a large degree of versa-
tility could make so successful a
head of a stock company. He has
a capable company at his back.

While there is nothing ambitious
about any of the organization's offer-
ings, and it does not profess to rank
with the Manhattan players, it
affords a genuine evening's enter-
tainment and as often as it comes to
Edmonton may depend on large pa-
tronage.

"The Squaw Man" was produced
last Saturday evening before one of
the largest audiences that has as-
sembled at the Edmonton Opera
House. The company is an amateur
one, which had been trained by Mr.
Ray Brandon, brother of the man-
ager of the Opera House. This was
a fact of which the larger part of
the audience was unaware and ac-
counted for a measure of disappoint-
ment. As it happened, some excel-
lent work was done, considering
that amateurs were playing, who
had been only organized the pre-
vious Tuesday for the purpose. The
play, made famous by Mr. William
Faversham, is an attractive one and
the opportunity of witnessing it was
welcomed by theatre-goers in gen-
eral.

The Edmonton amateurs under
the direction of Mr. Irving Beers
gave two highly successful perfor-
mances of "All the Comforts of
Home" in Strathearn on Thursday
and Friday nights.



The comedian George H. Summers, playing at the Opera House

About Town.

The new Presbyterian church in
Norwood will be opened on Sunday.

The new cafe, being conducted at
the government buildings by Mr.
Charles Vinet, late of the Alberta
Cafe, was the scene of a gathering
on Saturday night when the em-
ployees of the Public Works assem-
bled to do honor to Rev. J. Moebius,
who is leaving the service to take
charge of a mission at Branderheim.

Mr. Jean Revillon has returned
from a short visit to Paris.
George Mackay was found guilty
before Judge Taylor of stealing \$170,
which was lost in a bus by Father
Desmarais.

The death occurred on Thursday
of Thomas Shipley of the Queen's
Hotel, Vegreville, one of the best
known hoteliers in the west.

Sunny Alberta.

Otokots is without electric light
at present, the company which has
been supplying it having decided
that the business did not pay.

A. H. Wiper, who was recently
acquitted in High River on a charge
of stealing \$91 from the Union
Bank by accepting \$101 for a ten
dollar cheque states that he will sue
the bank for damages.

The Red Deer Board of Trade is
taking up the question of a new
C.P.R. station at that point.

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune of Red
Deer has accepted the travelling sec-
retaryship of the Temperance and
Moral Reform league of Alberta.

The Memorial Hospital at Red
Deer is petitioning the government
to increase the aid to the smaller
hospitals.

It is announced that both the
Massey Harris and the International
Harvester Companies will erect
warehouses in Lethbridge.

On Tuesday of last week the home
of Charles Blodher at Conjugate
Creek was totally destroyed by fire.

The Memorial Anglican Church at
Athabasca Landing was dedicated
on Sunday by Right Rev Bishop
Reeve, who came from Toronto,
where he is now coadjutor bishop
for the occasion. Bishop Holmes of
Moosonee was also present.

James Taylor, a miner at the Park-
dale mine, was so badly burnt about
the head and shoulders on Tuesday
by the explosion of a lamp that he
passed away at the hospital the next
day.

Work on the new post office has
been resumed.

A BENEFIT CONCERT.

A concert is being given in Me-
Dougall Church on Tuesday evening
next for the benefit of the Young
Women's Christian Association.

The ladies of the association have
spent a great deal of time and labor
in establishing the home and it is to
be hoped the Edmonton public will
give them a generous patronage.
It is understood His Honor and
Mrs. Bulven have signified their in-
tention of being present.

WINNIPEG.

January 9.
The wheat markets of the world
above continued more or less strong
during the past week, although the
United States speculative markets
have had a break of 2 cents in the
interval. A renewal of strength
brought prices in these markets up
to within 3-4 to 1c of the closing
figures of this day week. On the
other hand our Winnipeg market has
advanced and for January delivery
is 2c over the price of a week ago,
although May wheat is only 5-8c
higher. European requirements are
as large and urgent as ever and the
shipments from exporting countries
are moderate, not nearly up to re-
quirements. America has been ex-
porting two thirds of the whole sup-
ply and she cannot continue shipping
on this scale without running her-
self short of sufficient for home con-
sumption. Before the time new
crops will be ready, and that means
prices must go higher to stop the
export. The new Argentine crop is
nearly finished in harvesting and
is expected to yield about 25 per
cent more than last year's crop, but
every bushel will be needed for all
the other large exporting countries

such as Australia, India, Russia, and
the Danube, have had such a failure
in their last crops that the amount
they can export during 1908 will be
little more than a drop in the bucket
of importing countries require-
ments. Great stringency in supply,
if not absolute scarcity before long,
is therefore in prospect, and is bound
to bring higher prices, even although
present prices are not low by any
means. In our Winnipeg market we
have an active demand for all
grades of wheat, and today's prices
are: 1 Nor. 109 1-8c; 2 Nor. 106
1-8c; 3 Nor. 99 5-8c; No. 4. wheat,
83 1-2c; No. 5, 83c; No. 6, 64c; feed
wheat, 53c; feed No. 2, 50c; futures
closed, Jan. 109 1-8c; Feb., 109
3-4; May, 116 1-2. Oats are also
strong and show a good advance
except No. 3, white which is un-
changed. No. 2 white 49 1-2c; No. 3
white, 44 1-4c; rejected, 37c; barley
also strong and 2c higher, No. 3,
barley 48c; No. 4, 47 1-2; rejected,
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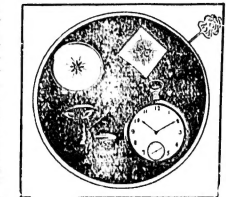
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One of those colossal frauds,
whom an easy public trusts for
its weather forecasts, is "Rev." J. R.
Hicks. Hicks himself died
some years ago but like Talmage's
personal letters to her patients, his
sermons, and Lydia Pinkham's
prognostications go on for ever.
He used to live somewhere down
in the middle western states and
from his home would tell people all
over the continent what weather
they would have for the next month
or so. When he struck it right, they
said "what a wonderful man!"
When he didn't no one seemed to
notice it. Was it P. I. Barnum who
said the people like to be fooled?
"Rev. J. R." in his forecast for Janu-
ary stated that within 70 hours of
sunset on January 27, general and
heavy winter storms would set in
and till the 7th we would have one
of the great cold waves of the win-
ter. I am writing on the latter
date and the weather has been
almost spring-like during the past
few days. Another guess is coming
to the great prophet!

"The Edmonton Trades and Labor
Council passed a resolution to con-
gratulate the Japs out of Alberta." Evidently
the said council doesn't realize what
a fine lot of people the Mikado's sub-
jects are. As an instance of how
much preferable life in the Flowery
Kingdom is to that to which we
are accustomed, take the Twelve com-
mandments given to a bride by her
mother on her wedding morning.
"The moment you are married you
are no longer my daughter. There-
fore, you must obey all your
parents-in-law as you once obeyed
your father and mother."

"When you are married your hus-
band will be your sole master. Be
humble and polite. Strict obedience
to her husband is the noblest virtue
a wife can possess.
Always be amiable toward your
mother-in-law.
Do not be jealous; jealousy kills
your husband's affection for you.
Even though your husband be
wrong, do not get angry; be patient,
and when he has calmed down speak
to him gently.
Do not talk too much. Speak no
evil of your neighbors. Never tell
lies."

Rise early, retire late, do not sleep
in the afternoon.
Drink little wine, and until you
are fifty take no part in public as-
semblies or parties in crowds.
Consult no fortune teller.
Be a good manageress, and especially
be economical in your house-
hold.
Although you may marry young do
not frequent too youthful society.
Do not wear bright colored gar-
ments. Always be neatly but
modestly dressed.

Do not pride yourself on your
father's rank or fortune. If he is a
rich man never allude to his riches
before your husband's relations.
And yet they say the Jap is our
inferior.

I am not much of an admirer of
George Bernard Shaw as a rule, but
I enjoyed the rap at Vanity Fair
which he recently gave in the fol-
lowing

"A woman with no children and
a tiny house in Mayfair with accom-
modation for six people, tells you
that she cannot do with less than
nine servants, two sleep under the
stairs or anywhere they can. The
buttons and hooks and eyes on the
dress are purposely placed so that
she cannot fasten them herself. She
must have a maid to do it. She
knows, of course, that other people
are as comfortable as she with two
or three servants, but she cannot
escape from her nine, all the same.
They have been made absolutely
necessary to her by some power
that is stronger than she. She is
dragged to the opera though she may
hate music; she is driven to Good-
wood, though she may hate rac-
ing; she has to spend weary weeks
on a Scotch moor, keeping a sort of
private shooting hotel for men
whom she does not care for, and for
whom her husband, who perhaps
hates shooting, does not care either."

We don't need to live in Mayfair
or to have ever seen Mayfair, to
appreciate this. What we want is sim-
plicity and to get rid of the silliness
and frumpiness with which we
become surrounded just as soon as
we emerge from the backwoods or
the trading post stage. Our hardest
burdens are those of our own mak-
ing.

Not that I think the world is get-
ting any worse in these respects, and

eventually I believe it will become
more sensible. The talk of "good
old times" which we hear so fre-
quently is as a rule so much non-
sense. Read what Mr. George Edgar
had to say a week or so ago in the
London Daily Mail

"The good old times—to hear peo-
ple talk you would think the world
was then full of courtesy, courage,
and quaint conceits. It produced
the gay young "ribalds" who went
from dance to green-room, from
sporting tavern to gambling den,
and when his day was done, and he
was home with the milkman, his
main idea of humor was to
upbraid the ancient watchman by
overturning him with his box! I
do not for a moment suggest that
the West End is a simple corner of
the world tucked away in lavender
in this our day, and I know it has
its depths unspeakable. But the
haunting "blood" of the Tom and
Jerry type, with its entourage of
pugilists, dog fighters, rat-pit
games, gambling house potentes,
jockeys, misadventures, and lights
of low parasitic cunning, flouted
themselves in the full glare of the
West End lights. To dip in the
contemporary writers who glorified
the backs of the early nineteenth
century is to find a vicious society,
in which lack of self-control was
only an ostentatious display of a
reputation which would pass one in-
to the circles of the elect."

"They have gone—the gambling
dens, the vice, the wine, the col-
lars, the trials by jury, the rat-pits of
Westminster, the gardens of Gre-
morne and Vauxhall, the unspeakable
follies of central London slums,
and the still larger horrors of Rat-
cliff Highway! They have gone—the
good old times. Drop your Decem-
ber tear over the roaring days, if
you please. They have given
something to the making of En-
gland, but they were dark days,
and the times that are wholly good
lie in the days that are to come
through years we shall not see."

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.
(Judge.)
I'd rather be a Could-Be
If I could, I'd be a May-Be.
For a Could-Be is a May-Be.
With a chance of touching par.
I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might-Have-Been, by far;
For a Might-Be is a Hasn't-Been,
But a Has was once an Are.

The Hospital Aid.

At a meeting of the Women's
Hospital Aid held on January 6th
the following officers were elected
by acclamation. President, Mrs. B.
Sumner; 1st vice, Mrs. John Sum-
ner; 2nd vice, Mrs. A. W. Taylor;
secretary, Mrs. W. D. Ferris;
treasurer, Mrs. A. Nicholl; auditor,
Mrs. Rosk; Mrs. Deyl; Mrs. Deslles,
Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Collins.

The following is the report of the
secretary:
To the president and members of
the Women's Hospital Aid I beg to
submit the ninth annual report.
Considerable satisfaction may be
felt by the members of the society
in looking back over the work ac-
complished during the year. Relieved
of the burden of the hospital
bed carried for the past few years,
the society has enjoyed a short
respite. But altho' no prominent
work has been undertaken, many
minor matters in the association
have been adjusted, many im-
provements made in the hospital
which have added greatly to the
comfort of both staff and patients.
The central hospital has been
redecorated and painted, curtains
and rugs supplied for the private
wards, and linen, blankets and other
furnishings to the extent of \$455.36
have been granted.

The interest in the society has
been well sustained, 92 new mem-
bers having been added during the
year. The membership fees col-
lected amounted to \$280.

In April a dance was given in
Rennie's Hall which increased the
funds by \$159.75.

As the aid intended to discontinue
the serving of meals on the exhi-
bition grounds, it was decided to
sell the building for which \$400 was
realized, and an additional \$23 for
the knives and cutlery.

Some changes have been made also
in the organization which have
proved of considerable advantage.
That the society is more per-
sonally interested in the hospital
and also better understand its needs,
each month a visiting committee
has been appointed who go to the
hospital, discover what is necessary
and report to the society. This arrange-
ment has been found very satisfac-
tory. The office of auditor has also
been added to the constitution.

It was the pleasure of the society
to remember the hospital at the
holiday season and a committee was
appointed to take the patients on
Christmas Eve and present each one
with a floral remembrance as a
greeting from the Women's H.A.

A special donation from friends
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nity is taken of thanking all those
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One door that opened to the wind and sun
From that still room where once she dwelt with Love.

And lo, she died, and in the House of Death
Even those doors she closed with her own hand
Held her a prisoner. Long day by day
Before the hundred doors of Faith and Joy

She strove with prayer, with pleading, with command,
To force but one and win where Heaven lay.

And then came One with pity in His eyes
And said: "Was there no door thou didst not close?"
And she: "But one, that was my shame and sin;
Surely I may not win to heaven thus!"

Then, even while she wept, He smiled, and rose,
And through that door unfastened led her in!

—Theodora Garrison in Munsey's.

"Are women degrading literature?" writes Clarence Rook in the current number of Black and White, after which he proceeds to answer his own question by robbing us of any doubt in the matter.

As far as I can follow the gentleman's argument, the chief cause of complaint appears to be that nine out of every ten novels are written by women, and secondly that these novels have a tremendous selling value.

"If there were no women in the world there wouldn't be any novels," Mr. Rook quotes a clerk at Mudie's as remarking.

"Maybe he's right and maybe he isn't, but how and why would the world be bettered with novels eliminated?"

"The readers of novels are women," proceeds this astute observer, utterly ignoring the fact that eight out of every ten book buyers are men, that until very recent times we women read what the man of the house or our brothers and sweet hearts provided, and formed our literary tastes for the most part according to the mental capacity of the men with whom it was our lot in life to be associated.

Go into almost any house at random today and glance over the book shelves and what do you find? Fiction, fiction, fiction varied perhaps by a few books of travel, some essays, descended from a stray uncle of literary tastes, and perhaps by good luck a Browning, received as a Christmas favor. And who bought these books but the head of the house, this one to read to the many summers since, this he picked up to put in a dull evening with your buying, reading public, Mr. Rook, who until yesterday were men, and who, through their hold on the purse strings, were able to mould what with we should read, and where with our minds should be clothed.

To the charge that nine out of every ten novels are written by women, what would you? women have always been sharp enough to size up a situation, the public demanded fiction, novels and so they set about to satisfy the demand and incidentally to bolster up, in hundreds of cases, the credit of unbusinesslike fathers, shiftless husbands and so on ad nauseam.

I am not given to an over fondness for novel-reading myself as Mr. Rook understands the term. We will say that I am too fickle to confine myself to books of any one particular character, and yet now that I am old enough to know a wee bit of real life, its joys and sorrows and travails, I realize, as never before, that "novels," even so-called silly love stories, have their place and the very distinct place at that in the work-a-day world.

When I was very young and very foolish, I imagined that it would be possible to form a crusade against foolish books and Elsie stories, and in their place substitute the works of the world's greatest masters.

Now that I am wiser grown I know that you can't force a public's literary appetites, they create their own, just as they spread their own waves of popular political opinions across a continent irrespective of the so-called control of their political bosses.

And is this craving for stories hanging on the one theme, love, so harmful a thing when all is said and done. Are not the majority of the world's workers on farms, in factories, in the family kitchen, at the remotest outposts of civilization, too tired, too close to deadly dull realities to wish to read of the stern facts of life as they lie about them.

Does not their heart and soul cry out for a bit of romance, would they not rather follow an impossible duchess in her little amours, through impossible situations than pore about in a dust-heavy atmosphere of political corruption or long-winded discussions of labor problems, and the probable ultimate destiny of the world in which they live?

Women are not fond of abstractions, but of particular incidents, of the human side of things as opposed to the business-like view of them.

But Mr. Rook not only accuses us of novel writing but further says "So long as the feminine writer and the feminine reader hold the monstrous reign of fiction literature which is now mainly fiction—being degraded, deluded, reduced to its least common denominator, and that to not it is the relation of the sexes." "They call it love." The woman's novel, written or read, is concerned mainly with this side of life.

"The girl in the omnibus is always reading about herself marrying a marquis—or being abandoned by him. And the women who spatter the publishers' advertisements are all talking and thinking of the same little corner of life which a man keeps to himself, or mentions only as a joke in the smoking room. Courtesy forbids me to mention by name the ladies who have suggested this protest, a protest from a man who acknowledges that the funniest stories are the improper ones, who knows that human weaknesses are always welcome by the way, but knows that it is not well to bring the atmosphere of the gutter into the drawing room."

"All about love! Love that is legitimate, illegal, illusory. The love that lingers, the love that dies, the love that loves and runs away, but always love, and whether it is the love that is illegal or illusory, the woman is always writing about it, and turning her thoughts to that one point which she has regarded as the central idea of the universe."

When she begins to write she thinks of nothing else but of the central fact of her life, and giving in marriage, with all the by ways and pitfalls that lead to or evade that excellent result. But she is thinking of it all the time. Her novels prove it, for they deal only with love, and her incursion into fiction has meant that the story of the animal side of the human being has become a popular fiction she has succeeded in degrading literature to the level that is occasionally reached in the smoking room as a joke. The explanation is obvious enough.

"Women don't quite know enough at present. They have 'I'm putting it very broadly—the one interest. Whatever happens it is just love, religion or drink. And the ordinary woman looks for love. The man doesn't, except on occasions. And I've always thanked Lord Lytton for his plea in Kenelm Chillingly for the poet who would write verses, not to love, but to a leaf stalk. We want a lover now and again; but the leafstalk will appear at stated intervals throughout a well-spent life. There are other things, too, besides leafstalks, which are important in the life of man, and may be subject of fiction. He has his loves, his friends, and the cautious provision for the family, and if he reads a novel, he would welcome one that dealt with his main interests in life, and not the side issues. Just now the woman is concerned with the side issues, the anatomical fundamentals. And she is degrading literature because of it, that side of life under her control."

In a nutshell this clever man has summed the situation up. Woman's novels and love stories generally sell, because they concern a universal passion.

"All about love," which a "woman is always looking for," the man not.

The old argument, "Man's love is of man's life a thing apart, 'tis woman's whole existence."

Well, and if it is, how is she the loser by it, have men a higher standard that we should strive to emulate it? And writing of love, is it unnatural that the question should arise of the relation of the sexes?

I know women have a sad habit of calling a spade, a spade, still a spade is a spade isn't it, and no one is foolish enough to mistake it for a snow shovel.

In every town men and women have their eyes on, "are talking and thinking of the same little corner of life," and I know them, myself, or mentions only as a joke in the smoking room."

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and his convivial intimates would keep their improper jests for secret corners, where no woman could rise up and give them the lie and the insult they deserve.

"The funniest stories are the improper ones?" Is it so? Does not the secrecy, the intimacy, they engender form half the "funny" part of them? Is Mr. Jones's infidelity to his wife then so very "funny"—is a man or a woman's downfall then so fine a thing to gloat over? Out of your smoking rooms your wives reached the ears of your wives and mothers, your sweethearts and sisters; reached them by you, and you and you, dear sirs, and because a woman has courage she laid her pen to you, and showed you up for what you were; an evil thing, you didn't like to contemplate.

And if women have written of love they have written of what you our masters have taught us, "the love that dies," "that fools," "that runs away."

Facts aren't nice things sometimes, but you insist on having them, and so while we realize how great a part the contemplation of your beefsteaks forms in life for you, dear Brooks, remember that WE are a bit tired of cooking them, and occasionally like to concern ourselves with the problem of the relations of woman to man, man to woman.

Whether it were not possible, by a slight effort to sweep out that "little corner" you so like to congregate in, to clear out the clouds of smoke that have enveloped you and show you your beautiful selves as you appear when reflected in the pitiless, stern reality of a woman's "Mirror."

I might sit down and write many pages of flattering references to the Christmas number of the Edmonton Bulletin and then not half express my deep appreciation of the fascinatingly interesting matter contained within its twenty one pages.

Typographically the number is a triumph of the printer's art, but what concerns me more are the absorbing articles of the Edmonton of pioneer days.

Written and compiled by clever Miss Katherine Hughes, a member of the Canadian Women's Press Club, they mirror in an original fashion the ways and life, the atmosphere of what one bright woman has called "this glorified trading post."

The Edmonton of 1906-08 I know from A to Z, but the Hudson Bay settlement of the old regime is an undiscovered fairyland. Reminiscences of its pioneer women, tales of the "Big House," glimpses of the past as viewed by Donald Ross, Harrison Young and other big men of the early days—who that knows and loves the city of today, but will pore with loving interest over the pages that tell of its birth and growth—this wonderful city that has opened out its arms to us and caught us to its heart.

Probably the last word of praise of Miss Hughes work is said when I chronicle the fact that I haven't yet heard one Old Timer contradict another, with regard to the data contained in any of the "Reminiscences." Between ourselves we know by this that Miss Hughes has achieved the almost impossible.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By!

The Hamilton Spectator contains the following account of the wedding of a highly popular young Albertan, to whom warm congratulations will be extended.

A very pretty wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward, when their second daughter, Evelyn Hannah, was united in marriage to Samuel Archibald Dickson, of Edmonton, Alta., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickson, Seaford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Mansell, of Dundas, assisted by Rev. Richard Whitting, of Centenary church, Hamilton. The bride was given away by her father. She wore ivory crepe de chine, elaborately trimmed with Swiss embroidered and filed lace. She was attended by her sister, Miss Alice M. Ward, as maid of honor, and by Miss Rae Dickson, of Seaford, and by Miss H. Evelyn Armstrong, of Montreal as bridesmaids. They all wore pretty gowns of chiffon cloth, and carried large bouquets of pink Killarney roses. The groom was sup-

ported by P. M. Yeates, while E. H. Ward and George W. Ballard acted as ushers. A dozen telegrams of congratulation were received by the happy couple.

After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Dickson will return to Hamilton before leaving for their home in Edmonton, Alta.

The Toronto newspapers contain notices of the marriage of Miss Isabel Biggar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. W. Biggar, and sister of Mr. O. M. and Dr. J. L. Biggar, Edmonton, to Mr. Christopher Charles Robinson, which was solemnized very quietly at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Dec. 31, in St. George's church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Cayley, rector of the church in the presence of only the immediate friends and relatives. The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her father. Later in the morning Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left to spend their honeymoon across the line. Mr. Mowat Biggar was among those present.

Senator Lougheed was the host of a dinner on New Year's Eve at Horehovers, at Calgary, in honor of Mr. Creelman of Montreal. Covers were laid for Mrs. George Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Lougheed, the Misses Creelman, Miss Dennis, Mr. Allison, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Price, Mr. Clarence Lougheed and Mr. Creelman, beside the host.

Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald will resume her former reception days, the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

The very young set have had a mad merry week of it, parties and teas galore, until anxious mothers have threatened to call a halt. On Friday Miss Kathleen Graydon had a jolly little euchre for her cousin, Miss Ruby Young of Calgary, who has been visiting her for the past two weeks, when these merry girls had great fun looking very wise over their play, followed by a dainty tea to which a few of Mrs. Graydon's friends dropped in. Positively when one sees the number of pretty attractive young girls so soon to be launched on the troubled seas of social life, one feels like making a graceful exit before one is washed into shore, to join the ranks of the dowagers and knitting needle ladies, women of a regime not dating back to the Old House, to be sure, still of an era that is passing not that is going to be.

Last Monday evening a very enjoyable hop was given by a number of young bank clerks and their friends in Remick's Academy. Excellent music was provided by Richardson's orchestra. Mrs. K. Mackenzie acted as chaperone and among those present were: the Misses Hetherington, the Misses Rae, Miss Murphy, Miss Grady, Miss Blue, Miss Hooper, Miss Bailie, Miss Godden, Miss Aetion, Miss Perkins, and Dr. Strong and Dr. Mason, Messrs Mackenzie, Blue, Kelly, Archibald, Hardisty, Kelso, Grady, Bailie, Newton, Orford, Forson, Casselman, Gilpin, Patterson, and Scott.

A meeting of the Edmonton Ladies' Curling Club was held at the residence of Mrs. R. Percy Barnes on Wednesday afternoon last, and it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting until 3:15 on Saturday the 11th inst., to be held in the committee room of the Edmonton Curling Club, for the purpose of electing a secretary, treasurer, and committee and other business.

All ladies interested in curling are requested to attend.

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. E. Lines to Miss Constance Rhodes, only daughter of Mrs. W. C. Rhodes, of the Villa, both of whom are receiving a shower of congratulations from a very wide circle of friends.

Miss Rhodes is perhaps the reigning beauty of the younger set of the Capital city, while Mr. Lines is very well known about town, being one of the prominent young business men of Edmonton.

Miss Pilot of St. John's, Nfld., who has made so many friends for herself during her tour of visit in town left for her home in the east at the end of last week. It is the good fortune of us Westerners that the majority of our girl visitors go but to prepare to return again—the second time for an indefinite period, and it is no secret that the universal fate has overtaken Miss Pilot whose engagement to Mr. Campbell, a young Scotchman who has for the past year made his home in Edmonton became known to their friends last week. Miss Pilot is the daughter of Dean Pilot, dean of the Cathedral at St. John's,

and niece of Sir Wm. Whiteaway, ex-Premier of Newfoundland.

Early in the week a little daughter was born to Madame Auguste Noel of Montreal which recalls with a sudden interest the brief happily married life of Monsieur and Madame Noel in Edmonton, and the tragically sudden death of that brilliant young Frenchman at the moment when life seemed to be holding the greatest happiness in store for him.

A very wide circle of friends in town will send many anxious wishes to this bereaved young mother and her wee baby daughter, and pray that the little child may be a very great comfort to her both now and in the days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Conley, 537 Hamatney avenue, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Loreta Winifred, to Mr. Malcolm McLeod, of Edmonton. The marriage will take place on Feb. 12—Winnipeg Telegram.

Mrs. F. N. Morgan, of Edmonton, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. R. C. Struthers for the past ten days, left last night for the east—Winnipeg Free Press.

Miss Gladys Bouchier left early in the week to visit Mrs. H. I. Millar of Westaskin.

Mrs. Calderon is expecting her sister, Miss Ethel Kate of Ottawa for a visit sometime about the twentieth of the month.

Mr. Harry Helliwell is away on a trip down east, and will spend some time in his old home, Toronto.

Mrs. H. C. Wilson entertained at luncheon on Wednesday.

Since the first meeting of the Skating Club, three weeks ago, interest in the popular Canadian pastime has grown and developed to such an extent that not to belong to the Club means to practically cut one self off from a great many very enjoyable evening's sport, to say nothing of after-skating teas and cosy suppers, which are now the particular rage.

On Monday last about a hundred and twenty members took in Club Night, among others His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss and Mrs. Babbitt, from Government House and many others too numerous to mention. His Honor is a strong and enthusiastic skater and both Mr. and Miss Babbitt are among the best exponents of the graceful art. Mr. Hardisty, Mr.

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Sale price 35c per pair.

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Sale price 90c each
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Sale price \$1.00 each

Ladies' Gowns, fine soft nainsook, four rows of lace insertion in yoke and lace trimmed, made full, buttoned front. Regular price \$2.25 each
Sale price \$1.35 each

Ladies' Chemise, made of fine lawn, lace and insertion trimmings. Regular price \$2.25 each
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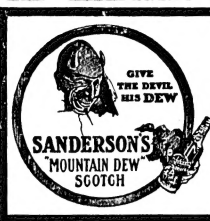
Percy Hardisty, Mr. Purdee and Mr. South are perhaps the premier gentlemen skaters, while Mrs. Fardece, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Biggar and Mrs. Andingale are names that naturally suggest themselves among the lady figure skaters. During the week I noticed Mrs. Bilyea, enjoying an hour's sport and while her delicate figure prevents her from indulging very often in this, her favorite pastime, she really skates beautifully, doing any number of intricate figures and apparently taking the greatest enjoyment out of it.

Invitations have been issued by Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulven to a reception at Government House on the evening of Jan. 16th, the night of the formal opening of Parliament, when no doubt a brilliant assemblage will grace the occasion.

The young bachelors of Edmonton have issued cards of invitation to a dance in the Mechanic's Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th. Mr. H. N. Glover being the secretary of the committee. The patronesses of the occasion are: Mrs. Geo. Harcourt, Mrs. G. M. Manuel, Mrs. G. H. Gowan, Mrs. D. S. McFarlane and Mrs. A. Forin.

At the annual meeting of the Westward Ho Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, at Mrs. Taylor's on Tuesday last, Mrs. Bouchier was elected Regent, Mrs. Constantine, vice regent, Mrs. Ewing, first vice regent, Mrs. Cross, secretary, and Miss Crosskill, standard bearer.

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pay to packed houses.

Mrs. Emery is entertaining at a young people's dance this (Friday) evening in honor of her own young ones.

Mrs. Griesbach is to be the hostess of a tobogganing party next week. PEGGY